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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 24 August 1984

2. [ ] called a meeting of people from ORD, ODE, OSO, NPIC and other offices this morning to discuss some topics CRES had proposed for the DCI's off-site conference planned for next month. Among these were: a survivable communications system in nuclear attack conditions; surge capability; Third World instability; telemetry denial; and the "information explosion: collection, processing and dissemination." [ ]

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I said that from FBIS' point of view we were not experiencing anything which could fairly be described as an information "explosion." What we were experiencing was a communications explosion, or, more accurately, a communications revolution which was forcing us to change collection procedures fairly rapidly or risk going deaf for some major collection targets. I said that the ROSETs would produce some measurable increase in collection but, that, in our view, an increase of 5-8% was not an explosion. What was gained, in addition to the increased collection, was keeping in business in pace with the changing technology, wider target availability, speed and clarity of intercepts. [ ]

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There was some talk about the volume of S&T collection. I mentioned the Science Center, [ ] those planned for Europe. I noted the scarcity of S&T translators and added that we had budgeted for some MT research aimed at S&T collection but that the Comptroller repeatedly had taken the item out of the budget. I also mentioned some other aspects of modernization, such as the demand for an indexed and retrievable DR and JPRS. [ ]

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One of the ORD people stated that, on the basis of conversations with OCR, the DDI was anticipating being deluged with new collection. The DDI rep (?) described the proliferation of requirements facing the DDI analyst and his problem sorting through the masses of available materials, especially in the S&T area. I said that I thought that what was being described was not a collection problem but a data distribution and handling problem which involved OCR, ORD and several other offices. I said that if there was only one analyst working on microelectronics it was easy to see how even a small increase in collection could appear to him as an explosion; the answer was to give him an electronic data base and more sophisticated retrieval strategies. Also, if DDI wants the DR and JPRS reports in data store, they certainly are looking at a very large handling and storage issue. [ ]

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One of the ORD reps said he thought DDI was way off the mark in their hopes for TV, apparently anticipating massive collection and massive storage problems. [ ]

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The NPIC rep said they saw the situation about as it had been described. Collection was not the problem; it was rapid dissemination in a form which was susceptible to refined retrieval. [ ]

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Someone added that the DDI was going to have to pull itself together on this subject and also address it in budget terms. The DDI rep (?) added that DDI was "culturally" incapable of doing so. [ ]

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